GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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SMUGGLING FROM BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large scale goods are being smuggled into India from Bangladesh and Myanmar;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year; and

(c) the steps being taken to check the smuggling?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not possible to assess exact quantum of smuggling into India from Bangladesh and Myanmar. However, the seizure reports available do indicate smuggling of goods from Bangladesh and Myanmar into India. During last one year, i.e., 2000-2001 (upto Feb., 2001), smuggled goods valued at Rs.34.01 crores (approx.) have been seized by the field formations under the Customs Department, including DRI.

(c): Field formations under the Customs Department are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent any attempts of smuggling, including smuggling from Bangladesh and Myanmar.